



Pursuing the Discipline of Worship

Week of May 9th, 2021

Intro Discussion Question(s):

- *Optional Question - What did God reveal to you this past week in the Bible Reading Plan last week?*
- *Intro Question - Have you ever thought of worship as something that would fall under the category of discipline? Why or why not?*

Read Bible Study Summary:

This study looks at the discipline of worship by examining the Old Testament passage of Psalm 100 and the New Testament passage of Revelation 4:9-5:14. Part one explores what worship is, who we worship and why. The second part explores the how of worship by examining John's glimpse of worship in heaven in the book Revelation found in chapter 4 and 5.

Main Scriptures

- *Psalm 100:1-5/Revelation 4:9-5:14*

In order to practice the discipline of worship we must have a good understanding of what worship is, who we worship, why we worship, and how we go about worshipping!

1. What is Worship? Psalm 100:1-2

- **Worship:** Worship is the means by which an individual both expresses love to God and experiences love from God! Worship takes place in solitude, in group settings, in silence, in singing, in worship services and in serving as worship.
- Even though we have been created with a desire to worship, if we are not disciplined in worship, we will be distracted by the things of this world and worship will fall prey to those distractions. We must never forget that worship is loving God and He deserves our love!
 - **Ask Question(s)** - *Have you ever noticed how easy it is to fall out of the habit or practice of worshipping on Sundays? If we have problems with Sundays, then daily worship may even be harder to not neglect. Why?*

- **Read Scripture-** John 4:23 *Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.*
- John 4:24 *God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."*

2. Knowing Who we worship is a vital part of the discipline of worship! Psalm 100:3

- The Psalmist says we worship The Lord God, The Creator God, and The Shepherd God!
- Not everyone accepts His Lordship, but that does not diminish His Lordship. Those of us who accept Him as Lord, worship Him as Lord God!! We see God's handiwork all around us in creation, and that also evokes worship. His provision for us as our Good Shepherd is another reason we worship!
 - **Ask Question(s)** - *Acknowledging who God is constitutes a major component of true worship. Why is this true and what are some ways we acknowledge God in worship?*
 - **Read Scripture-** Psalm 138:2 *I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.*
 - Psalm 138:3 *When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.*

3. Who we worship is Why we worship! Psalm 100: 3-5

- We worship because of who God is! He is the Almighty Lord God, The Creator God, and the Good Shepherd God! His nature, His power, His glory, His goodness, His love, and many other reasons are why we worship!
 - **Ask Question(s)** - *Seeing God in all His glory and power is spectacular to say the least. What are some other qualities we might see as we worship?*
 - **Read Scripture-** Psa 77:12 *I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.*
Psa 77:13 *Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?*
Psa 77:14 *You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.*
Psa 77:15 *With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.*

4. How we worship matters! Revelation 4:9-5:14

- We worship God because He loved us so much He was willing to take on human flesh, walk among us and then lay down His life to pay for our sins. Jesus, our Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep! He is worthy of our worship, and He is worthy of our highest praise and worship!
- We can find at least six ways to worship God by looking at the amazing scene of worship in heaven which John saw.
 - **Ask Question(s)** - *Discuss how and why humility, abandonment, acknowledgement, seeing, transformation and action are vital components of genuine worship.*
 - **Read Scripture-** Revelation 4:10 *the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:*
 - Revelation 4:11 *"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*
- *Share some ways a worship experience in the past has brought change to your life or led you to take some action in your life!*

Closing

- Don't forget the opportunity to play golf and support missions at our Golf tournament on May 15th, and an opportunity to become a covenant member at our Northshore Orientation classes May 16th-June 13th.



We are finishing out our spiritual disciplines series with a celebration. Join us on Sunday, May 23rd on the dock for lunch. Lunch will include a hot dog or hamburger, chips and drink for \$7. All proceeds benefit the 180 Students mission trip.

- *Ask Question - What is the greatest challenge you are facing? Is there some way our group can help?*
- Pray together over those requests.